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EPIDEMIC NOTES.

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PLAGUE.

RUSSIA.—According to official advices for the week ended August 29, an epidemic of acute pneumonia broke out during the second half of the month of July at the village of Kolobovka, in the district of Tzarev, government of Astrakhan. Up to August 29, 23 deaths had been reported. No new cases were reported during the week ended August 29. At that date 3 cases were under treatment. The disease had not been carried to other localities.

PORTUGAL.—According to advices of August 29 the Spanish Government sent representatives to study the epidemic of plague reported to have broken out at Oporto, and on their return both physicians gave it as their opinion that the plague epidemic would remain restricted within the limits of the city of Oporto if the military cordon around that city were maintained. Recent official advices state that from the date of the outbreak to August 29, 1 or 2 new cases were reported daily.

EGYPT.—During the week ended August 25, 3 cases, 1 each on the 20th, 22d, and 25th, respectively, with 2 deaths, were reported at Alexandria.

BRITISH EAST INDIES.—During the week ended July 29 the number of plague deaths in the city of Bombay fell to 58 as against 62 in the preceding week. In the presidency the number was 2,437, as against 1,869 in the preceding week. Of this number, 868 deaths occurred in the city of Poona. In the State of Mysore and in the Belgaum district the epidemic increased; in several districts of the State of Hyderabad it has again broken out. From Karachi 4, and from Calcutta 5 plague deaths were reported.

During the week ended August 5, the epidemic considerably increased. City of Bombay, 84; preceding week, 58. Presidency of Bombay, 3,380; preceding week, 2,437. City of Poona, 1,103; preceding week, 868. Seven districts and as many States show a considerable increase. In Calcutta, the epidemic decidedly gained ground, the deaths being 56, as against 5 in the preceding week. Five deaths were reported in the suburb of Howrah. In the State of Mysore there were 120 plague deaths; preceding week, 63. In the State of Hyderabad, on the contrary, the epidemic declined.

CHOLERA.

BRITISH INDIA—*Calcutta*.—During the week ended August 25, 80 cholera deaths were reported.

INSTRUCTIONS IN TROPICAL MEDICINE.

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The medical press has already repeatedly pointed out the important innovations which have been made in Great Britain in regard to instruction in tropical medicine. That country, whose colonial empire is the greatest in the world, could not fail to appreciate the fact that it is not sufficient to study the native diseases. In these days when colonial enterprises, distant expeditions, and commercial transactions become every day more and more extensive, it is necessary to give to the study of exotic diseases all the importance they deserve by instituting a new line of instruction in the universities already existing, or by creating special schools of instruction.